

RESOLUTION ON DISCUSSION ITEM 7.2

TO BE ADDED AS PART 4 OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION

SUBJECT: Funding and Supporting Complete Communities

To be considered: December 5, 2022

Moved by Mayor Rob Burton

WHEREAS the Town of Oakville shares the same concerns related to the supply, affordability and attainability of housing with all levels of government; and

WHEREAS the Province has passed Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act*, as a means of addressing the housing crisis in Ontario, and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark, has stated that the government's position on Bill 23 "will not waver"; and

WHEREAS the scope of the proposed legislative changes in Bill 23 is broad and the potential implications to the town are still being determined in the Ontario government's ongoing discussions with Ontario Big City Mayors and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and

WHEREAS municipalities appropriately rely on funding tools such as Development Charges, Community Benefit Charges, and parkland dedication fees to deliver critical infrastructure for growth of complete communities; and

WHEREAS in correspondence to Mayor Rob Burton from Premier Doug Ford, the Premier pledged to "continue working with the federal government and municipal partners to protect the long-term sustainability of municipal budgets"; and

WHEREAS in correspondence to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and to Ontario's Big City Mayors from Minister Clark, the Minister committed to ensuring that "municipalities are kept whole for any impact to their ability to fund housing enabling infrastructure because of Bill 23" and that "there should be no funding shortfall for housing enabling infrastructure as a result of Bill 23"; and

WHEREAS Minister Clark announced that the Province will launch a third-party audit of select municipalities to get a factual understanding of their finances, including their reserve funds and development charge administration;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Oakville ensures that financial tools are used in a fiscally responsible and prudent manner and an annual audit is conducted by an independent third-party, and the town's independent external auditors, KPMG, have provided clean, unqualified audit opinions on the Town's Consolidated Financial Statements.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Council requests the province to provide details and implementation timelines for the measures that they will be implementing to

ensure that municipalities are kept whole for the costs of growth, including costs being shifted to the Town from the Conservation Authorities and costs being increased by the changes to the Heritage Act and the other concerns as detailed in the attached Staff Report titled Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 – December 5, 2022;

THAT the Town of Oakville welcomes an audit from the Province and is willing to share best practices from the town's performance based program budgeting (PB2) methodology, that focuses on efficiency and effectiveness programs better than traditional line item departmental budgeting;

THAT the Province provide a budget and construction timeline for the new schools that will be required to accommodate growth in Oakville;

THAT the Ministry of Health approve the proposal from Halton Healthcare to expand Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital by 123 beds and three operating rooms to address growing health care needs in Oakville;

THAT the Federal Government, Province of Ontario and development community participate in finding solutions to deliver complete communities that are climate resilient – providing critical servicing infrastructure, infrastructure for community health such as parks and libraries and infrastructure needed to mitigate the climate impacts of increased development;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a copy of this resolution be sent to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, the Federal and Provincial Ministers responsible for Housing, the Federal and Provincial Ministers responsible for Infrastructure, Premier Doug Ford, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Sylvia Jones, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ontario's Big City Mayor's Caucus (OBCM), the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD), and be made available to the public.